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Dear Mr. Lesar:

I write because I believe we share an interest in the release of FBI files concerning Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and most specifically those from the pre-assassination "security" investigation of Dr. King.

I am aware of the litigation you pursued in Lesar v. DOJ, and of the initial Gesell opinion, and the unfavorable D.C. circuit opinion of last July. I might note that I'm unclear as to whether you pursued that matter for yourself, or for Mr. Weisberg, or for Mr. Ray.

I too have been filing FOIA requests in this area, with my primary interest being the long and complicated story involving the late Mr. Stanley D. Levison, Dr. King's close friend. Like yourself, I've also received the "Murphy Report," and the flow of the original case files--on King, on SCLC, on Levison, on Clarence B. Jones--is slowly proceeding.

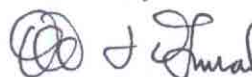
Have you pursued this one case beyond that unfavorable decision last July, and/or have you given thought to attempting to challenge the existing D.D.C. holding in Lee v. Kelley, the initial case which sealed many of the records?

Further, my impression is that you did receive some 67 pages of the 'Appendix C' notes from the King Task Force report which initially were withheld. Are those the only additional materials that you have had any success with?

I'm very interested in seeing those Appendix C releases, and I'm also curious about a number of the items included in what the appellate court opinion in Lesar terms the "Joint Appendix" to that case. I don't want to make any burdensome requests of you, but if I could obtain from you copies of either or both of those items, I'd be very indebted to you. Further, if you'd be at all interested in discussing this whole subject in detail, I'd be quite curious. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Mr. James H. Lesar--2

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. J. Garrow". The signature is stylized with a large, circular initial "D" and a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

David J. Garrow
Assistant Professor